GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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MENACE OF HUMAN BOMBS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether our defence forces are unable to tackle the menace of human bombs;

(b) if so, whether there is any technology available in the world to check the human bombs;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether there is any proposal to adopt the same;

(d) the number of human bomb attacks recorded so far in Kashmir during the last three years and the number of persons died in those attacks;

(e) whether human bombs are still active in Kashmir and other parts of the country and whether any strategy has been prepared to deal with such menace; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) There have been no instances where human bombs attacks have been launched against the Armed Forces.

(b) & (c): The Government is not aware of any technology available in the world to counter such attacks. Presently only physical frisking, combined with gate type and hand held metal detectors, wherever available, are being used to check such attacks.

(d) to (f): The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.